

# Political Science, BA

## Z2. Program Modification Proposal 2018-2019 (modify, deactivate, or add a new concentration) v.2

### General Catalog Information

#### INSTRUCTIONS for proposal originators

Select "Program" from the radio box below, then complete the information requested for level, curriculum approval committee, type of program, and applicable change requests.

**Program Type (Select "Program")\***  Program  Shared Core

**Level\*\***  Undergraduate  Graduate

**Curriculum Approval Committee\*\***  Undergraduate Committee  Graduate Committee A (COSM, CECS, CONH, BSOM)  Graduate Committee B (RSCOB, CEHS, COLA, SOPP)

#### Approval Route

Choose one or more departments below.

For educator preparation programs include the Teacher Education department.  
For interdisciplinary programs include all departments required for program approval.

For Honors, Air Force Studies, and Army Studies, please select "University Programs" from the list of departments and programs below.

**Department or Program (for approval process)\***

School of Public and International Affairs


**Type of Program\*\***  Graduate program in an existing degree  Undergraduate major in an existing degree  Undergraduate Minor  Concentration (new or modified)  Certificate  Licensure Program or Endorsement

**Select one or more of the following (determines approval routing):\*\***  Request 50% or more of program be offered online  Request 50% or more of program be offered off-campus  Request to offer program at a different WSU campus  Request a name change for an UG degree program, major, minor, concentration, or certificate

- Request a name change for a GR degree program, major, minor, concentration, or certificate
- Request a new concentration in an existing major/program
- Request to deactivate any program (degree, major, minor, certificate, concentration, license, or endorsement)
- Above options do not apply

Import the program data using the import button  above. Do not make any changes to imported information before launching.

Launch  the proposal, then make changes.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to LAUNCH the proposal using the arrow button  above BEFORE you make changes (modify an existing program). If you do not launch the program, your changes will NOT be tracked and a new proposal will be required.

Approve the proposal using the decision  button.


Submit program title changes as a modification and submit a separate deactivate request for the program title to be inactivated. **If the deactivate request is not submitted both programs (old title and new title) remain active and will appear in the catalog.** Program title changes should be approved at least 60 days before the requested effective date to allow ample time for approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

## TIPS FOR NEW USERS

Turn the help text on by clicking on the following icon .

All fields with an asterisk (\*) are required fields.

Supporting documents and additional information may be attached using the

 button located at the top of this form but supporting documents do not replace the required fields in the proposal form.

Please complete a separate form for each request. Note that new degree programs or changes of 50% or more require approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) and must use the New Program approval proposal form.

Concentrations are tied to a major. New concentrations can be proposed by using this Program Modification form to list the new concentration and requirements within a current major or graduate program.

- Action\***
- Modify (less than 50% change)
  - Deactivate

**Educator Preparation Programs** (additional ODHE requirements will be identified by the College of Education and Human Services)

**Title:** Major/Program, Degree or Area of Study Credential

Examples: English, BA or Reading License

**Title\*** Political Science, BA

College\*

**Catalog Display**

Select the primary College or Department. **Do not select a program.** This information will determine where a program displays in the catalog. A program may display in only one location, under either a College or Department.

College or Department (for catalog display)\*

Requested Effective Term\*  Fall  Spring  Summer

Year\* 2018

Note: If 50% or more of the program is offered off-campus, mostly on-line, or fully online, ODHE approval and HLC notification is required.

Where is the program offered? (check all that apply)\*  Dayton Campus  Lake Campus  Off-Campus in Ohio  Off-Campus outside Ohio  Off-Campus outside of the U.S.  Fully online  Mostly online (less than 50% offered face-to-face)

If 50% or more offered off-campus or online, describe all delivery and location options

If a change in location (adding or deleting locations), describe change(s) and if 50% or more of program is offered at each location.

Change in location

**If program will be offered off-campus, how will services be available to students (advising, tutoring, counseling, financial aid, etc.)?**

### Program Description

**The information entered will appear in the catalog as submitted.**

Please include information using the following four headings (**Heading 2 format**, in the order provided below) for consistent presentation in the catalog.

**Program Description**

**Admission Requirements**

**Program Learning Outcomes** (see examples below)

**For more information visit:** (include the department website)

### Program Learning Outcomes

Examples:

History graduates will be able to:

write proficiently,  
understand the methodology that historians use, and  
analyze primary sources and secondary works in order to arrive at a coherent and well-organized conclusion.

**Program  
Description and  
Learning  
Outcomes\***

### Admission Requirements:

Students can be admitted into the College of Liberal Arts after completing ENG 1100 or ENG 1140 with a grade of C or OR by completing at least two other Wright State Core courses taught by the College with a grade of "C" or higher.

### Program Description:

Students of political science study governments: how they evolve, why they exist, the forms and social functions they assume, why they change, and who controls them. To understand governments, students of political science also study politics: how people behave in their relationship to government, what they do to influence government, and how government attempts to influence people's behavior and beliefs about what it does. Students of politics also must appreciate how cultural, historical, and economic forces affect the evolution of governments and mass political behavior.

The Bachelor of Arts program in political science focuses on three areas of instruction:

- a. American politics, including legislative and executive institutions, political parties and interest groups, public administration, public opinion and elections, and state and urban government; and also quantitative and qualitative methods of political research.
- b. International relations and comparative politics, including American foreign policy, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, Russian, African, and Asian politics; national security policy, terrorism, human rights, and developing political systems;
- c. Law & courts, and political theory, including public law, judicial politics, constitutional law, criminal justice, civil liberties, and environmental law; and also feminist theory, political philosophy, political ideologies, the history of political thought, and political analysis.

The program also allows students to specialize in the area of Law & Government. Students electing this specialty receive extra training in law & courts and American politics, and also take an outside requirement that enhances the specialty.

### Program Learning Outcomes:

- Be effective writers
- Be able to produce analytical work on both domestic and international political issues

### Departmental Honors

Majors in political science may earn departmental honors by completing the following requirements:

- a. Achieving a minimum GPA of 3.5 in all political science course work and 3.0 in cumulative, overall course work,
- b. Attaining senior standing,
- c. Completing an honors project (20 page minimum) associated with a 4000-level course in political science with a grade of A or B (interested students should contact the chair of the School of Public and International Affairs for more information).

By completing these requirements and the eight-course Honors Program requirement, majors may earn the designation "University Honors Scholar" upon graduation. Interested students should contact the University Honors Program for more information.

### For additional information:

- [Political Science, BA](#)
- [School of Public and International Affairs](#)
- [College of Liberal Arts](#)

Use the following template when creating program requirements. **The information will appear in the catalog as entered.**

Wright State Core Requirements (Undergraduate programs only)

Required courses

Elective courses

Other requirements (if applicable)

Total: # Hours (**REQUIRED**)

Undergraduate programs must be 120 credit hours. A minor is made up of at least 12 credit hours. Undergraduate certificates must be between 12 and 21 credit hours with at least 12 credit hours above the 2000-level. For additional information, please refer to the policies for Academic Standards and Curriculum at <http://policy.wright.edu>.

Masters programs must be a minimum of 30 of credit hours. Doctoral programs should be a minimum of 90 credit hours. Graduate certificate programs must be 9-20 credit hours. For additional information, please refer to the policies in the Graduate Council Manual <https://www.wright.edu/graduate-school/graduate-council-manual-graduate-curriculum-procedures>.

**Program Requirements\***

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**I. Wright State Core: 38 Hours**

**Element 1: Communication: 6 Hours**

**Element 2: Mathematics: 3 Hours**

**Element 3: Global Traditions: 6 Hours**

**Element 4: Arts and Humanities: 3 Hours**

**Element 5: Social Sciences: 6 Hours**  
Required

PLS 2000 Power and Politics

**Element 6: Natural Sciences: 8 Hours**

**Additional Core Courses: 6 Hours**

**II. College Requirements: 18 Hours**

**Foreign Language: 12 Hours**

Through 2020 level (1010, 1020, 2010, 2020) of one language:

Arabic, Spanish, French, German, Greek, Latin, Chinese, American Sign Language or other.

**Methods of Inquiry**

PHL 3000 Critical Thinking

Research Methods - One course from approved list *Credit Hour(s): 3*

**III. Departmental Requirements: 64 Hours**

Complete A through D below:

**A. Core**

Six credit hours required from the following:

PLS 2120 American National Government

select one from:

PLS 2220 International Politics

PLS 2510 Comparative Nonwestern Social Systems

## **B. Area Requirements**

18 credit hours required. Choose 6 hours from each of the three areas listed below.

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### **Area-I American Government & Politics (6 hours)**

PLS 3150 Rel. & Politics in America

PLS 3210 Metropolitan Politics

PLS 3220 State Government

PLS 3230 Government of Ohio

PLS 3250 African American Politics

PLS 3260 Black Women and Politics

PLS 3310 Political Parties

PLS 3350 The American Presidency

PLS 3370 The Legislative Process

PLS 3450 Public Administration

PLS 3460 Public Personnel Admin.

PLS 3470 Am. Pub. Political Analysis

PLS 3750 Human Rights in USA

PLS 3990 Selected Subjects

PLS 4030 Campaign & Elections

PLS 4040 Civil Rights Struggles

PLS 4200 Politics and The Novel

PLS 4250 Metro Studies Seminar

PLS 4270 Urban Policy Analysis

PLS 4280 National Security Politics

PLS 4300 American Gov't. Seminar

PLS 4330 Public Opinion

PLS 4340 Political Leadership

PLS 4350 Political Corruption

PLS 4460 Public Budgeting

PLS 4480 Gender Violence Am Pol

PLS 4820 Legislative Internship

PLS 4822 Congress. District Intern.

PLS 4823 Campaign Internship

PLS 4824 Local/City Internship



PLS 4825 Washington, DC Internship

PLS 4900 Independent Reading

PLS 4910 Independent Research

PLS 4920 Indepen. Field Research\*

PLS 4930 Contemporary Problems

PLS 4940 Special Topics

PLS 3100 Quantitative Methods

**Area-II International and Comparative  
Politics (6 hours)**

PLS 3020 Intro. to Comp. Politics

PLS 3560 Politics Society France

PLS 3700 International Theory

PLS 3990 Selected Subjects

PLS 4060 Globalization

PLS 4490 Gender Violence Int'l. Politics

PLS 4500 Political Anthropology

PLS 4510 Contemp. African Politics

PLS 4520 Int'l. Human Rights

PLS 4530 Soviet Successor States

PLS 4540 Politics of the Mid. East

PLS 4550 Politics of Iraq

PLS 4560 Politics of Europe

PLS 4570 Pol. Develop. Nations

PLS 4580 Latin American Politics

PLS 4590 Contemporary Brazil

PLS 4600 Comp. Politics Seminar

PLS 4610 Comp. Social Movements

PLS 4620 US-India-Pak-Afghan Pol

PLS 4630 International Conflict

PLS 4650 Politics of Nationalism

PLS 4660 Politics in South Asia

PLS 4670 China: Domestic Policy

PLS 4700 Topics in Int'l. Relations

PLS 4710 International Law

PLS 4720 International Terrorism

PLS 4730 American Foreign Policy

PLS 4740 Pol. Women Terrorists

PLS 4750 Weapons Mass Destruct

PLS 4770 International Org

PLS 4850 Chinese Foreign Policy

PLS 4860 Model UN Seminar

PLS 4870 Politics of Intelligence

PLS 4871 Fund. Intelligence Tradecraft

PLS 4880 Conflict Resolution

PLS 4881 Diplomacy & Negotiation

PLS 4900 Independent Reading

PLS 4910 Independent Research

PLS 4920 Indep Field Research

**Area-III Law & Courts and Political Theory  
(6 hours)**

PLS 3010 Mod. Political Ideologies

PLS 3400 Law and Society

PLS 3410 Fund. Criminal Investigation

PLS 3420 Civil Liberties I: 1st Amend.

PLS 3430 Civil Liberties II: Due Process

PLS 3440 Police Pro and Operations

PLS 3700 International Theory

PLS 3990 Selected Topics

PLS 4010 Dev & Con Am Civ Lib

PLS 4040 Civil Rights Struggles

PLS 4070 Seminar Political Theory

PLS 4080 Radical Black Thought

PLS 4090 Supreme Court Legal Judging

PLS 4100 Political Psychology

PLS 4150 Law, Lawyers & System

PLS 4160 Sex and The Law

PLS 4170 Moot Court

PLS 4180 Politics & Ethics

PLS 4210 Am. Constitutional Devel

PLS 4260 Supreme Court

PLS 4310 Cyber Crime

PLS 4360 Criminal Law

PLS 4370 Criminal Procedure

PLS 4380 Environmental Law Policy

PLS 4390 Bioethics and Law

PLS 4400 Constitutional Law

PLS 4410 Natural Resources Law

PLS 4420 Criminal Justice System

PLS 4440 Topics in Criminal Justice

PLS 4450 Adv Criminal Investgn

PLS 4840 Pre-Law Internship

PLS 4900 Independent Reading

PLS 4910 Independent Research

PLS 4920 Indepen. Field Research

## **C. Electives**

Students may chose the Law and Government Option plus 9 hours of additional advanced electives.

Students who do not chose the Law and Government option must take 18 hours of advanced electives.

In both cases, a minumum of 3 hours must be taken at the 4000 level.

### **Law & Government Option**

Students can choose to specialize in Law & Government. This requires nine (9) hours from the following courses. Students who do not choose this will fill such hours with electives (Part D below). Take one course from each of the three groupings below (no double counting).

*American Institutions & Politics (3 hours)*

PLS 2120 American National Government

PLS 4300 American Government Seminar

PLS 3350 The American Presidency

PLS 3370 The Legislative Process  
PLS 3310 Political Parties  
PLS 4030 Campaigns and Elections  
PLS 3470 American Public Policy Analysis  
PLS 3450 Public Administration  
PLS 4460 Public Budgeting  
PLS 4825 Washington, DC Internship  
PLS 4823 Campaign Internship  
PLS 4824 Local/City Internship  
PLS 4822 Congressional District Internship  
PLS 4820 State Legislative Internship

*Legal System & Perspective (3 hours)*

PLS 3400 Law and Society  
PLS 4150 Law, Lawyers and the System  
PLS 4420 Criminal Justice System  
PLS 4400 Constitutional Law  
PLS 4710 International Law  
PLS 4170 Appellate Politics and Moot Court  
PLS 4210 American Constitutional Politics  
PLS 4260 Supreme Court in American Politics  
PLS 4821 Pre-Law Internship  
PLS 4840 Pre-Law Internship

*Legal Rights & Issues (3 hours)*

PLS 3420 Civil Liberties I: First Amendment  
PLS 3430 Civil Liberties II: Due Process  
PLS 4480 Gender Violence & American Politics  
PLS 4040 Struggles for Civil Rights in America  
PLS 3750 Human Rights in United States  
PLS 4410 Natural Resources Law  
PLS 4380 Environmental Law and Policy  
PLS 4390 Bioethics and Law  
PLS 4160 Sex and the Law  
PLS 4360 Criminal Law  
PLS 4370 Criminal Procedure  
PLS 4440 Topics in Criminal Justice  
PLS 3410 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation  
PLS 3440 Police Procedures and Operations

**D: Complementary Courses: 22 Hours**

**All students must take courses outside of political science that will complement the student's academic and professional goals. Consult your advisor.**

**Total: 120 Hours**

## Graduation Planning Strategy

The Graduation Planning Strategy (GPS) has been created to illustrate one option to complete degree requirements within a particular time frame. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to adjust this plan based on credit already earned, individual needs or curricular changes that may not be reflected in this year's catalog.

[Political Science \(GPS\)](#)

[Political Science \(3 yr\) \(GPS\)](#)

**If there is a program modification that impacts the Graduation Planning Strategy (GPS), indicate this below and complete a separate GPS proposal form so that both the program and GPS are updated in the catalog concurrently to ensure consistency between program requirements and the GPS.**

Does this program modification require an update to the Graduation Planning Strategy (GPS)?\*

Yes

No

Not applicable - not an undergraduate degree program

Department Chair: Please copy and paste the url (web link) from the GPS modification proposal form.

<https://wright.curriculog.com/proposal:1391/form>

Additional information, if needed

**Program Name Change**

Complete this section if the proposal includes a change in the name/title of the degree, major, licensure, or endorsement.

A change in the name/title of the degree and the information below must be approved by the Provost and submitted to the Ohio Department of Education for approval.

**Rationale for name change:**

**Describe how the name change will affect students in the current program.**

**Are there any administrative, curricular, faculty or support service changes occurring along with the name change?**

Yes

No

**If "yes", please describe:**

**Have the appropriate program accreditation agencies been informed of the proposed change (if applicable)?**

Yes

No

Not applicable

## Administrative Data

### To be completed by Budget

CIP Code

CIP Code Name

### To be completed by Registrar

Approved Effective Term  Fall  
 Spring  
 Summer

Year

Banner Program Name

Banner Program Code

Banner Major Name

Banner Major Code

Degree Type Bachelor of Arts

Program Type

Bachelor

